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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Yes, Sir, that will be done as far as it is necessary and useful but we do not wish to waste public money unnecessarily."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" May I know when the Five-Year Plan will commence in South Arcot district? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" There is no Five-Year Plan separately for the South Arcot district."

Shifting of the Nurses' Recruiting and Training Centre from Kozhikode.

* 250 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state why the Government have decided to shift the Nurses' Recruiting and Training Centre from Kozhikode to Coimbatore?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Nurses' training progamme had to be slowed down as it was not found possible to provide employment in Government medical institutions for a large number of the nurse pupils who successfully completed their training every six months. Some of the nurses' training centres were therefore closed down and the training centre at the Government Headquarters Hospital, Kozhikode, was one of them. Consequent on the closure of the training centre, the Regional Selection Committee at the place also ceased to function. In order to minimise the pressure on the other centres and also to save the expenses of the candidates from the coastal area, a separate Regional Committee was constituted at the Government Headquarters Hospital, Coimbatore, for recruiting candidates for undergoing training in the Headquarters Hospital at Coimbatore and Mangalore."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, in view of the fact that so many institutions and so many facilities given to Malabar are being taken away one by one by the Government and when the people of Malabar have asked, among so many things, a Medical College—nothing has been done in this matter—, will the Hon. Minister for Health be pleased to retain that Centre in Malabar as Nurses' Training Centres are quite necessary in Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already said that it is not possible to absorb in the Government service all the nurses trained at present. Therefore, it is quite necessary to close certain training centres and cut down the number to be trained."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" സർ, കോഴിക്കോട്ട മെഡിക്കൽ അസോസേഷൻ ഈ സെൻറർ അവിടെത്തന്നെ നിൽത്തണം എന്ന് ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ട്. അങ്ങിനെ മെഡിക്കൽ 'ഒപീനിയൻ അനുകൂലമാണെന്ന നിലക്കു് ഈ നേഴ്സ് സെൻറർ അവിടെ നിലനിർത്തുവാൻ ഗവമ്മേണ്ടു് അനുകൂലമാണോ ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is quite natural. Each place wants to retain as many things as possible and also fights for many things."

SRI G. KANDASAMY :—" மலையாள ஜில்லாவில் வேறு எந்த இடத்திலாவது நர்சஸ் டிரெயினிங் செண்டர் இருக்கிறதா? Is there any other centre in Malabar for training nurses? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There are only seven centres in the whole of the Madras State."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" It is common knowledge that a large number of nurses recruited are from Malabar and in view of the fact that there will be considerable demand for recruitment as nurses from Malabar, is there any justification for the Hon. Minister to dismantle the little things that are still retained and shift them to Coimbatore in spite of considerable popular opposition? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is already a Training Centre at Coimbatore. The Malabar Centre is not being shifted to Coimbatore, but it will be closed."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In view of the fact that some of the most important institutions are either started or shifted to Coimbatore, will the Government consider the desirability of shifting the Headquarters of Malabar from Kozhikode to Coimbatore." (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" That is a very interesting suggestion which requires a good deal of consideration." (Laughter.)

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Are the Government serious when they claim that there is an excess supply of nurses and if it is so, will the Government try to divert them for service in villages? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" We have not got a sufficient number of sanctioned posts for them. It is a matter of finance."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" On behalf of the Government, we are told that because they could not absorb all the trained nurses, they are cutting down the number of centres. May I know, whether the Government feel obliged to employ all of them or the Government would consider the question of giving the necessary training to people who come forward so that they can have an independent living? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" All nurses who are trained, want to be entertained in Government service. There is no scope for them to do independent practice."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Is it a fact that accommodation for training nurses was also found when the new buildings for the Kozhikode General Headquarters Hospital were built? Also in view of the fact that even two years ago it was found absolutely necessary that the Nurses' Training Centre should be retained in Kozhikode, what factors made the Government to shift it now? "

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MR. SPEAKER :—" Has not the Hon. Minister answered that question already? "

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : —" When the new buildings were constructed in Kozhikode, the Government found it necessary to retain the centre and hence accommodation has been provided in the new buildings for this Nurses' Training Centre also."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The situation has arisen after 1950 and it was found that we are not able to absorb all the trained nurses in Government service. Therefore, we have to cut down the number."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" The following certain facts are quite clear : (1) that quite a large number of applications have come from Malabar; (2) that there is no training centre in Malabar; (3) that we have been having a training centre; and (4) that there is no obligation on the part of the Government to provide Government jobs for every nurse and there may be unemployment for some nurses who may have to settle on their own account in villages or otherwise. In spite of these considerations, why should the Government do a wrong or injury to Malabar by taking away the one existing little advantage? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" All the matters mentioned by the hon. Member had been taken into consideration when we arrived at this decision."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The Hon. Minister replied earlier that the decision had been taken in 1950. But in 1951 accommodation was provided for this centre also and what has the Hon. Minister to say on this matter? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The hon. Member has not heard what I said. The situation has arisen after 1950. The decision was taken only this year."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Does not the location of the centre at Coimbatore provide a central place for all aspirants from all regions than the monopoly Malabar had by having it located at Kozhikode? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir, Coimbatore is a very good training centre and it affords convenience to the neighbouring districts."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" This is a very important matter affecting 49 lakhs of people of Malabar. Hence, I request half-hour debate on this matter."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member has got an opportunity to speak on this matter when the Appropriation Bill comes up for discussion here to-day."